

Teresa Tenbrink



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From: Don solberg <dontrunorsk@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 4:14 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Pima Utility Company


We request that you vote no on the proposal to raise the price of Pima Water Bills to Sun Lakes and it's residents. Mr & Mrs Donald P. Solberg - 11136 East Sunnyvale Court, Sun Lakes, Az. 85248

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From: D & J Thompson <djthompson@myway.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 2:36 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Re: Pima Water Bills
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Please add the following name to the original message as per our neighbor, Rebecca Countryman:

Rebecca Countryman
26202 S. Beech Creek Dr.
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

-----Original Message-----

From: "D & J Thompson" [djthompson@myway.com]
Date: 02/11/2014 06:36 PM
To: BitterSmith-web@azcc.gov
CC: RBurns-web@azcc.gov
Subject: Pima Water Bills

Note: Original message sent as attachment

Teresa Tenbrink

From: D & J Thompson <djthompson@myway.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 5:36 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Cc: RBurns-Web
Subject: Pima Water Bills
Attachments: djthompson.myway (All).vcf

To Whom it May Concern:

We are home owners in the Sun Lakes community and strongly feel that it is not fair to raise water rates to pay owners' income taxes.

Jerome & Delores Thompson
26205 S. Beech Creek Dr.
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Teresa Tenbrink

From: pankey747@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 4:37 PM
To: bburns-web@azcc.gov; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Pima Proposed Water Rate Increase for Sun Lakes, Arizona

Arizona Corporation Commissioners,

We are opposed to the proposed water rate increase for Sun Lakes, Arizona. We think it is totally inappropriate to approve an increase, so the owners of Pima Water Company, can pay their personal income taxes. (Is this for real or a joke?) Many of our neighbors and friends are also opposed to this increase, but may not contact the Commission. Please use your common sense in considering this matter.

Sincerely,

Russell R. Pankey, A.A.E.
Mary C. Pankey
26618 S. Howard Dr.
Sun Lakes, Arizona 85248

cc: Attorney file

Teresa Tenbrink

From: floyd cotton <f.cotton@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 1:52 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Pima Utility Company and Johnson Utilities Rate Cases

Ms. Bitter-Smith,

I am writing to encourage you to vote "NO" on these water rate cases. It is outrageous to expect ratepayers to pay the income taxes of these companies. If this action is accomplished, it will not be long before you are asked to do similar actions. It is even more outrageous that these rates will not be transparent. To expect ratepayers (customers) to pay some rate that is not for the cost of receiving the service but has to do with the taxes assessed the company is not only unfair but probably unethical as well.

PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!

Linda Cotton

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Gail Assenmacher <gailaaz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 09, 2014 2:29 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Fw: Pima Utility Pass Through in Taxes

On , Gail Assenmacher <gailaaz@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Commissioner Bitter-Smith,

I am a resident of Sun Lakes. A recent article in the *Arizona Republic* stated that AARP is asking the Corporation Commission to reconsider the Commission's ruling that permitted Pima Utility to pass through to its customers the cost of Pima's owners' personal taxes on the dividends from the utility.

I think the Corporation Commission has a fiduciary responsibility to the customers of the private utility companies throughout Arizona, not the owners of these companies. The customers expect the companies to remain profitable and stay in business and we expect to pay a fair and equitable amount for their services and products. However, this tax break has far reaching implications to all customers of private utility companies throughout Arizona. I urge you to reconsider and deny this request.

This pass-through permits the utility company to gain relief to pay the taxes resulting in additional expense to the utility customers, which would place a hardship on many fixed income residents of Sun Lakes.

I hope you will reconsider your original position on this issue.

I am re-sending this email to you because I made a typo in your name in my original message. Please excuse that error.

Thank you,

Gail Assenmacher

Teresa Tenbrink

From: NORM ELBERY Owner <pandn@q.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 09, 2014 12:40 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: pima water

commissioners

I don't understand what you people are thinking. for us to pay personal income taxes for the owners of the water company. you just raise our bill forty percent I believe. alot of us are on fixed income, its just not right. the water company is making a profit they should pay their own taxes
lets be fair. let your conscience if you have one be your guide

norm elbery

sun lakes

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Ednowe@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2014 7:34 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Water Rate Increase PIMA

We are strongly opposed a raise in customer water rates to pay the owners of PIMA personal income tax for the sale of water to their customers..

Ed & Rae Nowe
25817 S Hollygreen Dr.
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
Phone: 480-280-2322
PRC 141, LEG 17

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Kay Wilke <kaywilke@eplus.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2014 7:11 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Subject: Incredible request of Pima Water Co

Please do not approve the Pima Water Co's request to have users of their product and service to pay the owner's personal income tax.

This is beyond belief that people would attempt such a callous trick.

Phyllis Kay Wilke
8830 E Fairway Blvd
Sun Lakes AZ 85248

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Lucy Kastin-Geller <lucykg@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2014 3:47 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: I oppose raising my water rates

>> Dear Corporation Commissioners,

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>> I strongly oppose raising my water rate to pay the income tax costs of the owners of Pima for the water that they sell us. The idea is absurd. The rates are high enough. Please represent us, your constituents, and vote down this unfair price increase.

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>> Lucy Kastin-Geller

>> 10129 E. Chestnut Dr.

>> Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

>> 480-883-3018

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Teresa Tenbrink

From: Herb Geller <herbg@wbhsi.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2014 3:35 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Don't let Pima raise water rates to pay Pima owner's income taxes

Dear Corporation Commissioners,

I strongly oppose raising my water rate to pay the income tax costs of the owners of Pima for the water that they sell us. I have never heard of such a thing in my many years living in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and, for the past 8 years, in Sun Lakes. Water rates are high enough. Please represent us, your constituents, and vote down this unfair price increase.

Herb Geller
10129 E. Chestnut Dr.
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
480-883-3018

Teresa Tenbrink

From: emb37@q.com
Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2014 2:55 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Fwd: Pima Utility Rate Raise

From: emb37@q.com
To: BitterSmith-web@azcc.gov, RBurns-web@azcc.gov, Stump-web@azcc.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2014 12:16:32 PM
Subject: Pima Utility Rate Raise

Dear Sirs:

I understand that Pima Utility is seeking a rate increase to offset their income tax on the profit they derive from the sale of their water. I feel this is grossly unfair to the residents of Sun Lakes. I am sure all of us would like to have someone else pay our income taxes for us. Most of us who are Sun Lakes residents are on a fixed income and cannot afford to have our water bills increased in such a manner. I urge you to vote **NO** on this proposed rate increase. Thanks you for your consideration.

Eugene Brown

President Unit 11 HOA

Sun Lakes,

AZ

Teresa Tenbrink

From: DJBros@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2014 1:59 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Fwd: STOP HAVING CONSUMERS PAY PIMAS TAX BILL

From: DJBros@aol.com
To: BitterSmith-web@azcc.gov
Sent: 2/8/2014 3:54:15 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
Subj: STOP HAVING CONSUMERS PAY PIMAS TAX BILL

Commissioner Bitter Smith,

If you allow PIMA to pass along to us consumers the taxes of the utility OWNERS...then you will soon find that everywhere and everyone (**yourselves included**) **will be paying the taxes for every utility owner**

BE FAIR....LET THE PIMA OWNERS PAY THEIR OWN TAXES...YOU DO AND I DO !

Benjamin Pace
11131 E Starflower Ct
Sun Lakes
AZ
85248

Teresa Tenbrink

From: vonnshrink@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2014 2:03 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: from your former Mortar Board VP .. please read

Dear Susan,

Dena Brown here.. your VP back in the day 38 years ago at ASU. I've moved back to Arizona and now live in Sun Lakes. I'm writing for 2 reasons:

- 1) Congratulations on being on the Corporation Commission. I would expect nothing less of you!
- 2) I am confused about a proposal you are considering, or about to consider, regarding Pima water bills. I don't understand why the Corporation Commission would consider allowing Pima to raise water rates to pay taxes the owners owe from sale of water to consumers. Is this really what the issue is about or do I have my information wrong?

Thanks for clarifying this for me.

Dena

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Donna & Clive Timms <gonesouth2008@yahoo.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 10:05 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Pima Utilities

Dear Commissioners,

I object to the application of Pima Utility to add their owners income tax onto the cost of water to their customers.

The owners of Pima Utility are entitled to a reasonable return on their investment, but their income tax is their responsibility, not their customers. It is a variable amount outside the scope of the business and it is unfair for Pima's customers to pay any of their personal liabilities in this regard.

Sincerely,

Clive and Donna Timms.
Sun Lakes residents and Pima Customers.

Teresa Tenbrink

From: NMachutas@aol.com
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 3:00 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Cc: RBurns-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: (no subject)

To Whom it May Concern

I don't understand how the Commissioners could raise our water rated to pay for the Pima Water Company owners personal income taxes. If they do so I expect the commissioners to find a way to pay my income taxes.

I can't believe this is even being considered.

Charles Machutas
10706 E Navajo Pl
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Betty Schneider <bettyboopsch1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 2:11 PM
To: Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Proposal to charge rate payers for owners of utility companies Income Taxes and Capital Gains Taxes

If this is a duplicate e-mail, I apologize

I am outraged at the thought of you trying to make rate payers pay the Income Taxes and Capital Gains Taxes of the owners of the Pima Utilities and Johnson Utilities. While this doesn't affect me yet, I can see what will happen if you pass this then every other utility company will want the same. I don't think I should have to pay anyones taxes other than my own. I hope you will think of the implications of your vote and give the rate payers. We have already had our water bills double in the last year. Give us a break.

Betty J Schneider
15534 N 136th Lane
Surprise, AZ 85374
E-mail: bettyboopsch1@gmail.com

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Don and Jana <dandjt@q.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 2:04 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: PIMA

TO: Susan Bitter-Smith BitterSmith-web@azcc.gov
Bob Burns Rburns-web@azcc.gov
Bob Stump Stump-web@azcc.gov

It is a sad state of affairs when we homeowner, living on a fixed income, have to pay for the owner's personal income taxes from the sale of water which recently had a significant increase in cost to the user.

Donald E. and Johanna M. B. Taisey

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Bill Newell <wjnewell00@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 10:29 AM
To: Stump-Web; RBurns-Web; BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Potential PIMA Water Hike

Dear Commissioners Stump, Burns and Smith,

We, Bev & Bill Newell are opposed to proposed water rate hikes to pay some of the owners taxes. The Arizona Corporation Commission should not allow owner obligations to the state to be passed on to consumers. We urge you to oppose this.

*Bill & Bev Newell
10413 E. Spring Creek Rd.
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248*

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Pete Hall <phall42@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 9:54 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Price Increase by Pima Utility

I would encourage you to vote no for the rate increase for Pima Utility.

Thank you

Peter Hall
26013 S. Saddletree Drive
SunLakes, AZ 85248

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Derwin Dugger <duggeraz@centurylink.net>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 9:36 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Pima Utilities rate increase request

Ms Bitter Smith

Once again those of us that are receiving service from Pima Utilities have to ask for your support to not approve a request for an increase. But this time this increase is being requested to pay the income tax bill for the owners on their profit from the last rate increase. This appears to be the start of vicious circle.

Personally I own stock in various utility companies and have done so for numerous years. I am quite confident that SEC would certainly not approve a request from principals and or stock holders if we requested a dividend increase to pay for the capital gain on our stock. So it is difficult for me to understand how a private company can request such and increase to pay for their tax obligation.

Please do not approve this rate increase.

Derwin Dugger
11136 E. Flintlock Drive
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
duggeraz@centurylink.net

Teresa Tenbrink

From: krosenquist@q.com
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 9:17 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Pima Utility Rate increase

I am a sun lakes resident and I strongly oppose the Pima Utility Rates. We out here are all on fixed incomes. Please help!

Karen Rosenquist

Teresa Tenbrink

From: ELROY <eskelz@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 9:10 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: PIMA Utility Rate Increase

Commissioners, I am a resident of Sun Lakes. I strongly urge you to reject the request from PIMA Utilities to raise their rates on Water in our area. Raising our rates to pay the taxes on their gains from the sale of water is simply offensive and wrong. Please do not agree to their request.

Elroy Kelzenberg
10922 E Sunnydale Dr.
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Charlene Clausen <charlenejclausen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 8:48 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Water rates hike

I find it inconceivable that customers of Pima water would be asked to pay higher rates to cover the owners' *personal income taxes* that are owed from the sale of the water. As owners, they should be responsible for paying their own bills without forcing their customers into a rate hike. It's deplorable to even consider such action.

As a resident of Sun Lakes, we are on a fixed income, like most of the balance of the residents here.

We are highly against a hike in our water rates and will fight the action!

Charlene
Gina's Team Volunteer
Welcome Back Coordinator
www.ginasteam.org

"There is a special place in hell for women who don't help other women." ~Madeleine Albright

Teresa Tenbrink

From: WVNeiman@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 11:10 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Pima Utility pass thru

Greetings Commissioner Bitter-Smith

Let me try an "11th hour" plea to ask that you deny the S Corp tax pass through requested by Pima Utility Company.

I have written to the Commissioners regarding the Pima filing some months ago and addressed the S Corp issue. I attended the hearing at the Commission on May 29, 2013 and spoke to this issue, among others. I also spoke to this issue, again along with other topics, at the public input session held at Sun Lakes Country Club on July 10, 2013.

You have, I feel, a fiduciary responsibility to the customers of the private utility companies throughout Arizona, not the owners of these companies. Yes, we expect the companies to remain profitable and stay in business and we expect to pay a fair and equitable amount for their services and products.. However this tax break has far reaching implications to all customers of private utility companies throughout Arizona.

One more time - I urge you to deny this request as you consider the Pima Utility Company request.

Sincerely

Woody Neiman
26013 S. New Town Dr.
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Marilyn Conner <auntiearizona@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 09, 2014 5:40 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Water bill rates

Please put an end to this constant threat of raising out rates, by the Utilities. As I understand it, this one is to pay the taxes owed by the owners of the Utilities. Some of us Seniors are just squeaking by, between our Medicare coverage, supplements, Prescriptions, Property taxes, etc. I could go on and on. I understand legitimate increases, but it seems every time I turn around it's something else.

Struggling senior citizen, Marilyn Conner

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Kay Wilke <kaywilke@eplus.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2014 7:02 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Immoral: Asking others to pay your personal income taxes

Dear Ms. Bittersmith:

Please recognize the injustice of owners of a service or produce asking users of that service and product to pay the owners' personal income tax.

Do not approve such a callous request.

Phyllis Kay Wilke
8830 E Fairway Blvd.
Sun Lakes AZ 85248

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Olga Ineson <olga.ineson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2014 6:14 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Water Rates

Dear Mrs. Bitter-Smith,

Just wanted to write and ask you to please don't allow the water rates to go up. It's not fair to raise water rates to pay owners' income taxes.

Sincerely,
Olga Ineson

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Richard Graham <Richardg@afsservice.net>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 11:34 AM
To: BitterSmith-Web

Good Afternoon,

I am a property owner in Sun Lakes and would urge you to vote against a increase in our water rates to pay for the taxes for the water owners.

Best regards,

Richard Graham
Sun Lakes

Teresa Tenbrink

From: TONYBACH <pattonyaz@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 12:54 PM
To: Burns-Web
Cc: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: S Corp & LLC taxes

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I'm sorry, but this is ludicrous. Why should we pay another individual's personal income taxes? Why control their personal spending since someone else is paying their personal taxes. Why buy a \$25,000 Ford, rather than a \$65,000 Lexus, since you don't need that \$40,000 for taxes. The abuse can be devastating, and this could open up a huge can of worms. PLEASE VETO THIS RATE CASE. Otherwise who is going to control their personal spending? I'm guessing that none of the people in the S Corp or LLC are below the poverty level. Patricia Bach

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From: Patti Payne <ppayne40@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 1:20 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: Utility Company Income Taxes

Commissioner Bitter Smith,

I am in total disagreement with your recent vote regarding utility companies being allowed to pass along their income taxes to consumers with no oversight. How can you in good conscience agree that they be allowed to use an undisclosed CPA to verify the amount of the taxes paid without the commission being allow to see the figures paid.

I do not think utilities should be allowed to pass along their income taxes to consumers in the first place. Their taxes should come out of their profits, not directly out of the consumers pocketbook. But even if the commission decides to allow utilities to pass along the taxes, it should not be done without full disclosure. Using an unknown CPA and unverified figures is Ludicrous.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion.

Sincerely,

Patricia Payne
Sun City, AZ

Teresa Tenbrink

From: Elaine Grant <ea1grant@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 5:15 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Water Rate Increase Proposal

Dear Commissioners:

My husband and I would like to express our concern re. the proposal before you to allow utility companies to bill customers for their company's personal income taxes. Transparency is vital to maintain public trust. We are counting on your good judgement not to set a bad precedent that will open the door to other monopolistic utility companies asking to do the same.

Thanking you, in advance, for listening to our plea.

Elaine Grant and Larry McDonald
Sun City